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Green Mountain Power Corporation

Project No. 2558-029

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 Fed. Reg. 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a new license for the 21.595-megawatt (MW) Otter Creek Hydroelectric Project (Commission Project No. 2558-029) and has prepared a draft environmental assessment (draft EA). The project consists of three developments (Proctor, Beldens, and Huntington Falls) located on Otter Creek in Addison and Rutland counties, Vermont.

In the draft EA, Commission staff analyzes the potential environmental effects of relicensing the project and concludes that issuing a new license for the project, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the draft EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact Commission Online Support at [CommissionOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:CommissionOnlineSupport@ferc.gov); toll-free at 1-866-208-3676; or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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Please affix, "Otter Creek Hydroelectric Project, P-2558-029" to all comments.

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